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For : TIRE FOR HEAVY LOADS AND USE OF A RUBBER
COMPOSITION TO DELAY IRREGULAR WEAR ON THESE
TIRES

AMENDMENT

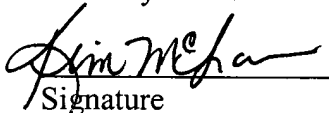
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 25, 2003, please consider the
following amendments and remarks. Applicant requests a three month extension of time and
encloses the required fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
of this paper.